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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] and OSS in  
Indo-China Affairs

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[REDACTED] and a former employee (until 1971) of the Executive Office of the President, called me today. He plans to write a book on Indo-China, where he was in OSS operations. He had daily contacts with Ho, Giap, et al.

He is being encouraged to write by the Military History Office of the Department of the Army "and also by Mr. Fulbright's Committee on Foreign Relations".

He wants to know from us if we have:

- (1) Research library facilities he can use and
- (2) Some old OSS documents he would like to use

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[REDACTED] said he could identify by date and number 180 OSS documents which we hold. He said he turned them over to "the old R&A". He said he had a similar identification for another 180 he turned over to "X-1". He had receipts for both of these batches of papers.

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[REDACTED] said he had up until now kept silent about his participation in OSS affairs in French Indo-China but now a time had come to fill in a gap in history and he would like to do it. The French are talking he added.

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He is not interested in any sensationalism and wanted to do nothing past the 1945 Roosevelt and Truman policy era. Much of what he was interested in had been converted in part by [REDACTED] said. He, however, can fill in the gaps.

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I suggested to [ ] that he write me a short note about this. I alerted him to the possibility that declassification, even after 28 years, might not be possible and that charges for research might be made. This did not seem to alarm him. He obviously had the Declassification and Executive Order right before him.

This note is just to alert you ahead of time. I will forward his note when it arrives.

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